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for the selected layer of the artwork, [identifying a non-transparent region of the layer,]
calculating a definition of an area corresponding to a boundary of the [region] one or more non-
transparent regions in combination, and assigning an action to the area, the
action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected; and
associating the area and the action with the selected layer as a property of the
selected layer in the electronic artwork.

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12. (Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
conforming the area automatically to content of the selected layer when the electronic
artwork is edited by recalculating the definition of the area when the content of the selected layer
changes.

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Please add new claim 28 as follows:

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28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:
calculating a definition of the area comprises converting each non-transparent region to a
perimeter boundary path by tracing the outer boundary of each non-transparent region in the
layer.

The above-mentioned amendment amends claims 1 and 12, cancels claims 11 and 14 and
adds new claim 28. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a CPA and
claims 1-27 are now pending in this application. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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